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SOURCE:

Johannes Dieckmann stated that, from 9 to 12 June 1953, Semenov repeatedly conferred with Otto Nuschke in an attempt to persuade Nuschke to assume an important function. When Nuschke refused because of his age, Semenov summoned Dieckmann and asked him to assume the responsibility for an agency which was to direct the entire ministers' council and concentrate on all-German questions. Dieckmann stated that Semenov also discussed the problem of a dissolution of the People's Chamber, which he said neglected its duties as an agency controlling the government. Dieckmann said that the conversations would be continuous.

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Comment: There had already been rumors that Semenov conferred with Nuschke on the forming of an agency to control the government. Nuschke's refusal was not previously reported.

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